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In Re Application of:
William W. Tift

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For: Rules Analyzer System and Method for
Evaluating and Ranking Exact and
Probabilistic Search Rules in an Enterprise
Database

Group Art Unit: 2172

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE WITH RCE

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Sir:

The final Office Action mailed July 10, 2003 (Paper No. 8) has been carefully considered. In response, Applicant submits the following preliminary amendment and remarks to be entered and considered prior to continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. It is not believed that additional fees are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in the documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional fees are necessary, such fees are hereby authorized to be charged to 20-0778.

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